



**East Greenbush Fire Company
Fire Company Meeting
February 18, 2020**

The February Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by President Cullum.

Christie Cullum (Sgt at Arms) led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, and a moment of silence was observed for our departed members.

Recording Secretary Pendolino called the rolls. 55 members in attendance.

President Cullum states the January Company, Review Board, and Executive Board Meeting minutes were sent out via email by Recording Secretary Pendolino.

A motion is made by Mike Memole, seconded by Ed McCabe, to accept the minutes. Motion carries.

Financial Secretary Cargain gives his report. 38 checks were written.

Checks over \$500: Becker's Farm, Zabir Manir, Jeff Tooker, Charlene Winnicki, Chase Card Service, Town of East Greenbush, Cintas Corporation, Country True Value, Eastern Heating, National Grid, Chris Lavin, East Greenbush Girls Softball

A motion is made by Kathy Miller, seconded by Todd Cullum, to accept the report. Motion carries.

Treasurer Paul Benson gives his report. Total income this month was \$11,311.71 and total expenses were \$74,268.81. David A Cook asks for an update on the issue we have been having with Spectrum. An update is given by President Cullum and Paul Benson including: meeting with Spectrum representative, why we had issues in the first place, and comparing keeping Spectrum and switching to Roku. Members are advised if there are any issues with Spectrum call a member of the Executive Board not Spectrum.

A motion is made by Chris Linck, seconded by Mike Memole, to accept the report. Motion carries.

President Cullum gives the Visa Bill report. Charges over \$200: 4 Installation Dinner, 1 Pizza Night, 1 Christmas Party

A motion is made by Mike Benson Jr, seconded by Pete Lehmann, to accept the report. Motion carries.

Membership Secretary Lacivita reads a list of members owing dues for 2019.

Report of the Officers

Car 1 (Jeff Tooker) gives his report.

- Thank you to everyone who has responded to calls. Your efforts are appreciated. Thank you to the duty crews for getting out of bed to respond to calls.
- Make sure trucks are in fire-ready condition after drills and calls.
- Watch SCBAs closely. If you have any issues notify your Lieutenants or Station Chief.
- Utility 11 is for sale. It is a 2007 Jeep. The price is \$7,500.
- Bus 11 is still OOS at DePaula Ford. They waiting for the radio to be delivered.
- Bailout training is in March. The lecture will be Mar 10 at 6:30pm. Hands on portion will be Mar 24 or Mar 31 at 6:30pm. This training is mandatory for all interior FFs.
- We are currently having issues with IaR, EGECC is working on the issue. Please be patient.
- We have been awarded 2 State Fire Classes: FF Survival and FAST. FF Survival will be on Tuesdays from 7pm-10pm exact dates TBD. FAST dates are TBD.
- The deadline to complete the online VFIS OHSA trainings has been extended to Feb 23 at 11pm due to issues with the VFIS site. There will be a make up class on Mar 3 for members who don't complete the trainings online.

Car 2 (Greg Forgea) gives his report.

- Thank you to everyone who attended the trainings at the training house. This is an excellent training opportunity. We will be at the training house the next two Tuesday nights. More information will be sent thru IaR.

Car 3 (Mike Benson Jr) gives his report.

- Thank you to everyone who attended CPR last week. Your Station Chief has your card.
- If you are in need of a night off from the duty crew notify the officer in charge of the duty crew.

Car 4 (Mike Lansing) gives his report.

- Everyone did a great job with OSHA this year. Packets are available to make up OSHA 1 and OSHA 4. OSHA 2 and OSHA 3 can be made up at the training house when we are there. All OSHA make ups need to be done by Mar 29.

Tom Whittemore reminds everyone that they can fill out form IT-254 to receive a \$200 tax credit for being a volunteer firefighter.

Report of Committees

President Cullum gives the building use report. There were 3 rentals this month. Total income was \$1,975. YTD is \$1,975.

A motion is made by Billy Lindemann, seconded by Kathy Miller, to accept this report. Motion carries.

George Forgea states the heating problems at the North Station are being worked on and we are working on getting quotes to fix the issues. We are also working on getting rid of the old fridge as well.

Kurt Schlachter states Jake Hallenbeck is working on moving the emergency shut off for the boiler at the Main Station. President Cullum states our insurance company is coming to inspect the boilers at the Main and Park Stations. The bench near the radio room is going to be removed soon and cut up at a future drill.

Jake Hallenbeck states the heat at the Park Station is working well. We have a new ice machine in the kitchen.

Mike Benson Sr states that total profit for Pizza Night this month was \$748.78. We sold 65 pizzas, 48 wings, 19 mozz stix, and 19 salads.

Tom Chesser states Fish Fry Night starts on Mar 20 and will run for 4 weeks. There will be a work detail to get the kitchen ready for Fish Fry Night the Saturday after Pizza Night ends.

Billy Lindemann states the Pancake Breakfast will be Apr 5.

Vice President Liuzzi states there will be a Giffy's BBQ Fundraiser at the Main Station on May 14 from 4:30pm to 6:30pm. See the Vice President for tickets to sell.

Election of Members

David A Cook states the Membership Committee has reviewed the application received from Sean Hood last month. After speaking with Sean Hood the application was returned since he does not want to be an Active member.

President Cullum states we received an application from Derek Hennessy of Highview Place. David A Cook states the Membership Committee has not yet met with Derek, the committee suggests we vote Derek in as a probationary member contingent on the Membership Committee deeming, he is fit for a membership and approval from the Board of Commissioners.

A motion is made by Rich Hendrick, seconded by Billy Lindemann, to make Derek Hennessy a member contingent on approval from the Membership Committee and Board of Commissioners. Motion carries.

President Cullum states we received an application from John Ashley of Pennsylvania Avenue. David A Cook states the Membership Committee has met with John and recommends him for membership.

A motion is made by David A Cook, seconded by Chris Linck, to make John Ashley a member. Motion carries.

Six Month Probationary Review

President Cullum states Corey Morales is up for probationary review.

A motion is made by Greg Forgea, seconded by Jeff Tooker, to remove Corey Morales from the membership rolls. Motion carries.

President Cullum states Jake Weidman is up for probationary review.

A motion is made by Mike Benson Jr, seconded by Mike Lansing, to make Jake Weidman a full member. Motion carries.

Unfinished Business

President Cullum states the new ice machine has been installed and is ready for use. We are still making adjustments to get the ice machine.

New Business

President Cullum states in order to prolong the life of our ice machine Jake Hallenbeck has recommend we get a filter. We are currently working on getting quotes for filters so we don't know the exact cost of the filter.

A motion is made by Jake Hallenbeck, seconded by Chris Linck, to purchase an ice machine filter for an amount not exceeding \$200. Motion carries.

President Cullum states Dennis Davis has offered to run a cans and bottles recycling program for the Fire Company. Dennis Davis explains the program. Discussion about the program including: purchasing more garbage cans, where the garbage cans will be place, and advertising to the general public that they can deposit bottles and cans at 6 Cent Redemption under our account there.

President Cullum states the Explorers are attending the Wreaths Across America Wreath Pick Up on Mar 7 at 8am. A qualified driver for Bus 11 is needed, we will be leaving the Park Station at 7am. All members are welcome to attend. If you are able to drive Bus 11 or would like to attend the even let the President know.

President Cullum states we have purchased a Point of Sale (POS) system. We had to purchase this before talking to the body as it was a one day sale with a price we couldn't pass up. We are in the process of setting up an account for the POS. Once the POS is all set up all bartenders will be trained on it. Discussion about fees and how we will offset them.

Good of the Order

President Cullum states the leaking sink in the Bar area has been repaired.

President Cullum states the leak in the kitchen ceiling was from a drain above it leaking. It was tightened up and will continue to watch it to make sure this was the only issue.

President Cullum asks everyone to pick up the weights, we have discussed this previously, our cleaner should not have to pick up weights when they are cleaning the weight room.

President Cullum states Tom Whittemore has been updating our website and there is a new user name and password for the members area. User name: EGFD Password:1916

Vice President Liuzzi states we have received a letter requesting an endorsement for Santo 'Chan' Rivera who is running for 2nd Vice President of FASNY.

A motion is made by Pete Lehmann, seconded by Chris Linck, to send an endorsement letter for Santo 'Chan' Rivera. Motion carries.

Vice President Liuzzi states we have received a letter requesting an endorsement for Michael Karashay who is running for President of the Hudson Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association.

A motion is made by Chris Linck, seconded by Kathy Miller, to send an endorsement letter for Michael Karashay. Motion carries.

Kurt Schlachter states Mason Albert and Ryan Tubbs are participating in the CF Climb Albany for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation at the Corning Tower and are asking the Fire Company sponsor them for \$150 each.

A motion is made by Kathy Miller, seconded by Billy Lindemann, to sponsor Mason Albert and Ryan Tubbs in the CF Climb Albany for \$150 each. Motion carries.

Bob Lehmann states the Hudson Mohawk Firemen's Association needs a place to hold their convention. There is not going to be a parade. They would need use of our Banquet Hall and Pavilion Jul 15 to Jul 17.

A motion is made by Mike Lansing, seconded by Rich Hendrick, to allow the Hudson Mohawk Firemen's Association to use the Banquet Hall and Pavilion for their convention from Jul 15 to Jul 17 and waive the rental fees. Motion carries.

Tom Chesser states that the computer in Company Storage that is used for the Mailing Fundraiser needs to be upgraded to Windows 10. It will cost \$2,497 to get a newer computer with all the updates needed. President Cullum states that there is a brand new computer in the President's Office could we use that. Tom Chesser states yes he will contact Ten Chen to see if the computer has all needed updates.

Charlene Winnicki states Ride With Mike raises money for NY Oncology and Hematology. They would like to use our Pavilion on Aug 2 and would like the fee waived.

A motion is made by David A Cook, seconded by Marcus Massaconi, to allow Ride With Mike to use the Pavilion on Aug 2 and waive the fee. Motion carries.

Charlene Winnicki reminds members who rent the Hall a deposit and insurance certificate is needed.

Bob Lehmann states EGFD Winter Jackets are available for purchase. The cost is \$95. They will be here in a few weeks.

Mike Lansing asks if everyone would like him to reach out to Dave Becker to see if he would be willing to make corn beef and cabbage for our meeting next month instead of Engine 9 cooking. There is a unanimous yes.

Food and clean up tonight is Engine 8.

50/50 tonight is \$66. The winner is Joe Winnicki.

A motion to adjourn is made by Kurt Schlachter, seconded by Don Peal. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gina Pendolino
Recording Secretary